

An Evening at the Rose and Crown

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It was a cool Welsh evening that Sunday in Tintern as we headed to a pub for a drink and a meal. Our first problem, we discovered, was that the pub's proprietor had decided not to provide food that evening.

Sitting in a cozy environment in front of a warm fire, hungry and having no idea of where to go, we discovered our second problem. Someone had blocked our car and we couldn't get out.

Seeing our dilemma and also needing a place to eat, a couple from Leicestershire invited us to join them as their car wasn't blocked. Campers, their very small 2-door hatchback was completely full of camping equipment with barely enough room for the two of them.

Solutions can be found if you only look for them. The wife crawled through the front, over the seat, into the hatchback, and lay on top of their camping gear, I got into the passenger's seat, my wife sat on my lap and the 4 of us headed out into the Welsh countryside making what I would think was quite a sight.

Finding a little pub, we had a good meal, fun conversation, and the couple bought us each a beer before finally giving us a ride back to our car. A generous couple with an adventurous spirit made it a memorable night for us. - Thanks Brits!!!